GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Paintings found Missing from Air India Office
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether paintings by renowned artists like M.F. Hussain, Anjolie Ela Menon worth nearly 30 million dollars were found missing from Air India's Mumbai office;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any investigation has been conducted into the matter;

(d) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(e) whether Air India has accumulated over 4,000 paintings which include the work of prominent artists and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the likely fate of these paintings after the disinvestment of Air India?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (d): The paintings by the renowned artists like M.F. Hussain, Anjolie Ela Menon were not found missing. However, one of the paintings of Mr. Jatin Das was missing which was later recovered.

(e): Yes, Madam. Air India has large collection of artifacts including paintings.;

(f): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), in its meeting held on 28.06.2017, has given in-principle approval for considering strategic disinvestment of Air India and its five subsidiaries and constitution of Air India Specific Alternative Mechanism (AISAM). The AISAM will decide further course of action on the same.